

Interview of Norbert Ndielle-Moutsatsi -- National Leader of the Republic of the Congo

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Rev. Ndielle-Moutsasi is in the center (brown coat) of this group of African national leaders

Question: What church activities do you focus on at this time?

We are concentrating on UPF activities and tribal messiah work. I am a newly appointed national leader. We had been witnessing to prepare for the Foundation Day Blessing Ceremony, which our members just received. From now, we will continue witnessing according to what True Mother has asked of us, while still doing the tribal messiah mission.

Question: How do you carry out the tribal messiah work?

We send a person back to his or her native region to witness to the family and tribe, friends and neighbors. From there, the members call for the national leader to come to organize a workshop. Along with that, we try to organize couples in each tribe.

From that, we know how many couples we can bring from village to village. As Mother emphasized, we will teach them the Divine Principle and explain to them who True Parents are.

We have hope that we can also call on Christian pastors that are in each region and teach them Divine Principle. When we teach them Divine Principle, we will come to understand how to approach the staff members and eventually we can teach all members of the church.

I can say that our relationship with other churches in Congo is good. Why? Whenever we visit a church, we meet people there that have received the blessing, even two or three pastors. Christian churches understand our value.

Sometimes, a church used to be divided because some people used to follow the Bible in a bad way. For example, Solomon had three hundred women and so on, so pastors used to follow that kind of practice.

We used to meet them and converse with them and we were able to tell them what God wants from them.

He does not want them just to teach the Bible, but he hopes that all of us can build the kingdom of God. It was useful to tell that to some of them.

Question: What would you say are the strong points of the church work you are doing and the challenges you face?

The strong point of our work was our preparation of people for the blessing that just passed. From now, we will restart the mission by organizing a workshop with all members.

We now have more than 420 couples and each member can now work to unite deeply with this new mission that True Mother, True Parents, have given us as tribal messiah. This is what I have on my mind now.

Regarding UPF, before we were teaching them, but we did not ask them to go to the blessing. Now we will organize a workshop to help them understand the meaning of the blessing. Each of them must come with his wife. We want to teach them how to prepare for the blessing and encourage them to bring their children in as well, so that their children can begin to hear something about Divine Principle.

Question: How widespread is your ambassador for peace network?

We have UPF ambassadors for peace. When some of the criteria changed, things were not going well, but now things are going well. Why? Because the chairman and the former chairman are organizing things well.

When we return after the African leaders meeting, we will absolutely organize a workshop with them to persuade them about this new mission.

They also must strive to do their best, so that they can receive the blessing. From there we hope to begin to work with their families so that we can organize the tribal messiah outreach.

Question: Your UPF chairman is the older brother of the president?

Yes, UPF-Congo's president is the older brother of President Denis Sassou- Nguesso. The older brother is an ambassador for peace, and he and his wife are a blessed couple. We have a good foundation but we have to educate our ambassadors more fully about True Parents so they too can move.

Question: What is most appealing about our message to the people of Congo?

Congo is mostly Christian, and because of our views on immorality, when we are teaching Divine Principle, many people accept it. When we teach using our slides about AIDS, about families and young people, everybody is attracted to these ideas.

Having that aspect, we need only to organize workshops with some highly respected personality. When True Parents' message is received deeply, people are very happy. Now, though, we do need to explain exactly who True Parents are and persuade the people to receive the blessing.

Question: How are your relations with the media?

We have a good relationship with the media. In part because the chairman of UPF has his own national television station. Also, we used to speak over the radio and people could call in. We conversed and gave our point of view on any issues of importance to the nation. We are always in the middle, but we can give Father's directions, tell people what Father would say about issues.

Question: How did you join the church?

I joined in 1988. I received the blessing in 1995. I met my spiritual mother, a Zairian sister who came to Congo for fund raising. While they were raising funds, they also witnessed.

They came to my university.

Many people listened; I joined because I was a strong Christian. I believed in the coming Messiah. I believed that as a Christian, I had to be honest and had to follow a lifestyle of chastity, not going around with women. When I heard the Divine Principle from her, I soon accepted.

My wife is Nigerian. We have three children, two girls and a boy. The girls are sixteen and fourteen and the boy is thirteen.

Question: What has your experience been like at Chung Pyung?

In Chung Pyung, I feel that many good spirits are around. Yesterday, before we received our international president, Sun Jin nim, I was looking forward to when we would give flowers to her. I was thinking that some elder couple should give them.

Just one minute after I was thinking that, Rev. Bakary, our regional president, came to me and said, "You are the one to give the flowers." I realized I have to keep good feelings, a good way of thinking so that everything can go smoothly. We also have to work hard, positively. If we start to complain, I try to

comprehend how True Parents have suffered to make this kind of place and how God has come so far in his providence.

I think about the way that True Mother is asking us to go. I can see that we are so happy, but True Mother needs us to support her and to accomplish much so that she feels joy. That is what I am feeling in my heart all the time.

When Sun Jin nim came to see us; she wanted to hear African songs. She said that because we need to work hard, True Mother sent us some coffee. We felt True Parents' hearts toward Africans.

Sometimes, we tend to feel that we are too far away and are forgotten children, but I could understand again that True Mother is always thinking of us. She wants us to do our best, so that we can raise up our countenance and we can be on the side of people that are really working for God, especially in this special time.

I promise that we are now going with all our power, with the experience in Chung Pyung and with True Mother and True Parents. What we want is to bring Congo to True Parents.